Continuance of Cotton Monopoly Procurement scheme in Maharashtra

1096. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government sought the sanction of the Central Government for the continuance of Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme in Maharashtra is valid upto 30.6.89. The Govt. of Maharashtra have requested for extension of the scheme for 10 years from 1-7-89. The request of the State Government has been examined in consultation with concerned departments for an appropriate decision.

Ranganath Mishra Commission recommendations

1097. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission has recommended that every business loss of uninsured commercial properties of November, 1984 riot victims should be compensated liberally in the case of small business and in a graded manner for higher categories;

(b) whether Government have accepted this recommendation and whether the same is being implemented;

(c) if so, how the losses of different establishments/commercial vehicles owned by the same individual have been amalgamated for the purpose of compensation; and

(d) whether Government will issue instructions for rectification so as to ensure that each business loss is compensated irrespective of its ownership by one individual?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various general recommendations of Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission of Inquiry were accepted by the Government of India Subsequently, however, it was decided specifically that all the business losses of an individual should be clubbed and then the ex-gratia amount payable should be worked.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion of branches of commercial banks

1098. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set by the different commercial banks with regard to the expansion of their branches in 1988-89;

(b) what was the Statewise target set and achievement made so far; and

(c) what are the norms fixed for the opening of new branches in different States and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The criteria for opening bank branches is governed by the Branch Licensing Policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which aims to achieve a coverage of 17,000 population per bank office in the